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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-83-82

ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ON

INDIAN RESERVATIONS

Final federal regulations have been issued concerning the administration of the Food Stamp Program on Indian reservations. This letter informs counties of the provisions contained in Section 7 CFR 281.9 which allow counties to be reimbursed for administrative costs in providing services to Indian reservations.

Although the federal budget is tight and funding levels remain uncertain, FNS now appears willing to consider requests for this enhanced funding. Retroactive to July 1, 1979, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) may pay to counties administering a food stamp program on a reservation, 75 percent of all FNS approved administrative costs incurred on the reservation for residents of the reservation. Approvable costs include certification, issuance, outreach (costs incurred from 7/1/79 to 9/30/81 only), fair hearings, and quality control.

In addition, FNS may pay each county 75 percent of all approved administrative costs incurred off the reservation for activities begun after July 1, 1979 that are primarily directed at providing better services for Indians on the reservation, such as hiring an interpreter or moving a certification or issuance center closer to a reservation.

Procedures to receive the enhanced funding will be established on a case-by-case basis. If a county considers itself to be eligible and entitled to such funding, please contact the Food Stamp Program Operations Bureau at (916) 322-5475.

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